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LAWS & REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED

BY THE BRETHREN

OF THE

LOYAL LODGE,

OF THE

Ancient and Honorable Order

OF

Independent Odd-Fellows,

HELD AT BR. CLAPHAM'S,

PUNCH BOWL, ST. SAMPSON'S SQUARE,

YORK.

Established November 14, 1820.

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LAWS & REGULATIONS.

1. THAT they meet every TUESDAY evening, at eight o'clock, at which time the M. N. G. and V. G. (or in the absence their deputies) shall take their chairs, and open the Lodge, for mirth, harmony, and good humour.

2. THAT the M. N. G. and V. G. do preserve silence in the Lodge, whilst any Brother is singing a song; at the conclusion of which the M. N. G. shall give a call for a toast or sentiment, which shall be repeated and drank by the members then present.

3. THAT any Brother having a Friend to propose to become a Member of this Lodge, shall address himself to the N. G. giving his name, occupation, and residence; and if such person is seconded, he shall be balloted for on the Lodge night following; when, if there appear two thirds of the White Balls in his favour he shall be admitted.

4. THAT the most strict order be kept during the initiation of any member, and particularly while the Charge and Obligation are giving; after which, the new-made Brother must attend the Secretary, with Five Shillings for Admittance, and for a Certificate and Rules and Orders according to value; after

which, the new made Brother's health shall be given by the N. G.

5. SHOULD the person proposed belong to the Order of Odd Fellows, he shall only pay the sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and be admitted a free Brother.

6. EVERY Brother upon his immediate entrance into the Lodge Room, shall give the first and second sign to the N. G. and attend the Secretary, or be fined Three-pence, for the neglect of each duty.

7. EVERY Brother who may address the N. G. shall be up-standing and uncovered, to shew a proper respect due to his official capacity.

8. ANY Brother being covered during Lodge hours, (except the E. F. N. G. V. G. and Warden) to be fined Three-pence; but a Brother being ill, may ask leave of the N. G.

9. ANY Brother coming to the Lodge intoxicated, he shall be immediately turned out for that evening; and any Brother swearing, or using profane or obscene language, or come into the Lodge disgracefully dirty, shall be fined; the first time Threepence, and afterwards Sixpence.

10. ANY Brother refusing to obey the N. G. or V. G.'s call to order, shall be fined Threepence the first time, Sixpence the second, and for the third offence shall quit the Lodge for that night, send in a written apo-

logy, and discharge the fines, before he is admitted again.

11. That if any Brother be sick or distressed, resident in the town, and intends to apply to the Lodge for assistance, he must do it by letter, stating his name, occupation, residence, and circumstances, and if on such application, the N. G. and the Brothers shall think fit, they shall open a subscription, that every Brother may have an opportunity to contribute.

12. That if any Brother make known the Secrets of the Order, he shall be proceeded against according to the following Order, i. e. the complaint having been made on a Lodge evening, the N. G. shall call a Committee of the whole Lodge, on some specified evening, to decide on the guilt or innocence of such accused Brother, who shall have proper notice of the same, at which Committee, such Brother shall have the opportunity of vindicating himself by providing any witness (who is a Brother,) and if it shall appear that he is guilty to a majority of that Committee, he shall be expelled the order.

13. There shall be a change of Officers four times a year. The E. F., N. G., and V. G. to be chosen by ballot; the propositions to be made two nights before the election.

14. No person shall serve as N. G. until he has served three months as V. G.; Sec.,

Warden, or R. H. S. to N. G.; nor shall he be eligible for V. G. unless he has served three months a Junior Officer.

15. SHOULD the votes be equal, the N. G. shall have the casting vote, and no Candidate shall be in the room at the time of the poll, nor any visiting member be allowed to vote.

16. WHEN the election is concluded, the N. G. shall cause the newly elected N. G. and V. G. to be invested with the badges of honor, and placed in their proper situations.

17. WHEN the N. G. is thus seated, he shall make choice of his Officers, i. e. R. and L. H. S., Warden, Sec., &c., and the V. G. his R. and L. H. S.

18. THAT no Apprentice, nor any person under the age of twenty-one, shall be admitted into this Lodge; any Brother proposing such persons, to be fined Two Shillings and Sixpence.

19. THERE shall be a Book kept to register the names of the Brothers made in this Lodge, the day and year, by whom proposed, and seconded; also a book for debtor and creditor, so that a clear account be kept of receipts and disbursements.

20. THAT the N. G. do appoint a Committee whenever he finds it necessary, and should he neglect to give due force to such bye-laws as they with him may think expedient, he shall be fined One Shilling for every such offence.

21. ANY Brother refusing to discharge his fines for three nights after being levied, shall be suspended until he is brought to a compliance.

22. THE Landlord where the Lodge is held shall be Treasurer, and receive the money on each Lodge night, and give a receipt in a book for the same, which book shall be settled on the Quarterly Committee night, in presence of the Committee.

23. ANY Brother who shall swear, use abusive language, slander another's character, read printed books, eat, or lay wagers in the Lodge, shall be fined Threepence.

24. THAT if any difference of opinion should arise respecting any circumstance not included in these laws, or in any bye-laws of the Lodge, it shall be decided by a Committee.

OFFICE OF EXCELLENT FATHER.

No Brother shall be eligible to this situation unless he has officiated three months as N. G.: he shall serve the office three months, during which time, he shall preserve a strict adherence to the laws, superintend the business of the Lodge at large, and particularly the conduct of the Officers; he shall also give the charge on the Initiation of a Brother.

*** The election of this Officer, shall take place immediately after that of the N. G. and V. G. on the regular quarter nights.

Officers of the Lodge, with their respective Fines, for non-observance of their Duties.

	If not present at 9 o'clock. s.	d.	If absent the whole night. s.	d.
Excellent Father	0	6	1	0
Noble Grand	0	6	1	0
Vice Grand	0	6	0	6
Warden	0	6	0	6
Guardian	0	6	0	6
Secretary	0	3	0	6
Treasurer	0	3	0	6
R. H. Supporter to N. G.	0	3	0	6
L. H. Supporter to N. G.			0	3
R. H. Supporter to V. G.			0	3
Left H. Supporter to V. G.			0	3
Indoor Conductor			0	3

THE OATH ADMINISTERED TO THE THREE ELECTED OFFICERS.

I, A. B, do most faithfully promise and swear, that as long as I preside over this Lodge, I will keep, and cause to be kept the Laws of the Lodge; and will use the utmost of my power to help the Distressed, to protect the Brethren, and to create mirth, harmony, and promote the welfare of this most Honorable Order,

So help me God.

*** A Dispensation—General Laws, and a Chapter of the Institution, with every other ne-

ary Instruction, will be granted by the Loyal
lge for One Guinea, to such respectable per-
s as may be desirous of opening an Independent
lge in any other place.

OPENING SONG.

Odd Fellows welome here,
Attend with merry cheer,
And Social Glee.
Then Mirth and Harmony,
Love, Peace and Unity,
In this Society,
Ever shall be,

Let this theme be your choice,
Sing it with Heart and Voice
God save the King.
May this our Meeting be,
From all Dissention free,
And base Hypocrisy.
God save the King.

CLOSING SONG.

Brothers e'er we depart,
Let us join hand and heart,
In this our cause,
May our next meeting be,
Blended with charity
Friendship and Loyalty,
Odd-Fellows' Laws.

Long may our Order stand,
An honor to the land,
Crown'd with increase,
May joy be with each Friend,
Who does our Laws defend,
And may success attend
Our Loyal Lodge.

WELCOME SONG,

ON ADMISSION OF A BROTHER.

Brothers attentive be
Whilst our good Father he
Gives you the charge.
The Bonds of Society
Are Friendship and Harmony,
Honor and Secrecy
Will us unite.

Brother you have nought to fear,
Moms' Court is here,
Love, Mirth, and Joy,
Loyalty here abounds,
While Mirth our Evening crowns,
And every voice resounds,
God save the King.

On Introduction of a Noble Grand elect.

Hail, Chief elect! Odd-Fellows' pride,
We hail thee welcome to the chair,
May'st thou with honor here preside
Promote our mirth and banish care,
All Odd-Fellows shall then be,
Admir'd and respected in every degree.

Our laws defend, our rights maintain
Preserve our fame and unity.
Let mirth and order every reign
Throughout our great community
All Odd-Fellows shall then be,
Admir'd and respected in every degree.

FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEWLY-ELECTED

EXCELLENT FATHER.

Tune—"Rule Britannia."

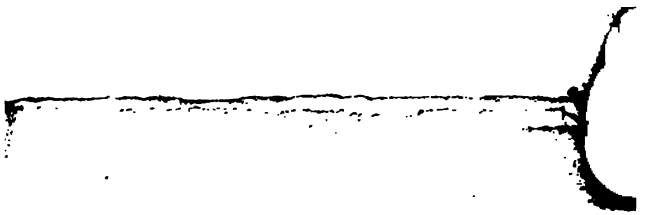
Hail! Father of our sacred cause!
Hail first! of our community!
All Hail! thou Guardian of our Laws!
To Honor's seat we welcome thee!

For thee most Excellent Father friend!
Our song of praise the air shall rend!

By friendship's sacred ties endear'd,
Thy counsels which with wisdom glow;
Shall by our Excellent be rever'd!
And all shall to thy mandate bow.

For thee most Excellent, &c.

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LAWS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT

OF

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER

OF

ODD-FELLOWS,

OF THE M. U.:

RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE

APPOINTED AT THE YORK A. M. C.

For Revising the Minute Book;

AND ADOPTED BY THE A. M. C. HELD AT THE ISLE OF MAN, TOGETHER WITH THE

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And Newcastle-upon-Tyne A. M. Cs.



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PREFACE.

THE nature and prospects of Odd-Fellowship have of late been so frequently dwelt upon, that it is almost impossible to advance any thing in the shape of novelty with respect to it; and, in fact, the limits of our Preface will not allow of any lengthened disquisition on the subject. The progress which the Order has made during the last few years is altogether unparalleled by that of any other similar Society; and it has become so much a matter of interest and curiosity with the public at large, that persons of all ranks are eagerly pressing forward to join us. As a Benefit Society, most certainly there is no other Institution in existence which can for a moment be placed in comparison with our own; nor is there another which affords the same means for making the leisure hours of an agreeable and pleasant character. There cannot be an employment which is calculated to give more pleasure to the mind than that of relieving the distresses and administering to the wants of our fellow creatures—there cannot be any meetings imagined of a more delightful and gratifying kind than those which are composed of men of congenial sentiments and habits, assem-

bling for the best and most praiseworthy purposes. The Lodge is always considered as sacred ground, and no sooner do those, who in any other place might meet together as enemies, enter into its precincts, than their bad feelings seem to vanish as if by magic, and in their stead the desire to promote the well-being and happiness of all reigns predominant. We see mingling together men of all nations, all creeds, and every grade of politics; and all behaving in a respectful and friendly manner towards each other. The prejudices which are engendered by being born in a different land, the sectarian feeling which is apt to prevail amongst religious enthusiasts, and the heart-burnings of violent political partisans, are all for a time obliterated and forgotten by those who meet together in the temples of Odd-Fellowship. There must, then, be some great and good moral principle amongst us by the aid of which we can accomplish all this; there must be some powerful and virtuous influence connected with the Order, which neither the slanders of the malicious, the arguments of the prejudiced, or the sneers of the ignorant can prevent from having a vast and beneficial effect upon the destinies of mankind.

That we have continued to go on in a course of prosperity and harmony, for such a length of time, is a proof that our constitution is a healthful one, and that the laws for our government have been carefully and judiciously constructed. Nevertheless, *there is no* human institution which can boast of

perfectibility, it has been considered necessary that our code of laws should be revised by competent persons, and adapted to our increased numbers and intelligence. This has now been done, and it is hoped that the labour which has been bestowed upon the following pages will be found not to have been in vain.

MINUTE BOOK.

LAWS, ETC.

Law I.

THAT this fraternity be called the "INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS, OF THE MANCHESTER UNITY," whose object shall be to assist every brother who may apply through sickness, distress, or otherwise, if he be well attached to the Queen and Government, and faithful to the Order.

LODGE BUSINESS.

2. That, in order to constitute a lodge, it shall be imperative that not less than five members be present.

3. That all lodges in the Unity shall meet on the evenings appointed, at half-past seven o'clock; lodge business to commence at not earlier than eight o'clock, or later than half-past, and the lodge to close at ten or half-past: but that lodges in the agricultural districts to open at six o'clock or half-past, lodge business to commence at seven or half-past, and to close at nine or half-past, as may in both cases be decided upon by a committee of the district to which lodges belong; but that no lodge, under any circumstances, shall be kept open later than half-past ten o'clock.

4. That the N. G. shall cause to be examined, every person who shall be in the lodge-room before the lodge is opened, after which, the Outside and Inside Guardians shall demand the pass-word from every member who may apply for admission.

5. That if either of the Guardians admit a member without demanding from him the pass-word, he or they shall be fined 2s. 6d. each; and should either of them leave the door, or suffer a stranger to enter during lodge-hours, the party so offending shall be fined £1 for each offence.

6. That any lodge admitting a person, not a regular member of the Order, into the lodge-room, when the lodge is open, shall be fined 21s., the fine to go to the district fund.

7. That every member, upon his first entrance into the lodge-room, shall give the countersign to the N. G. and V. G. before taking his seat, and again on his last leaving the room, or be fined 3d. for each offence.

8. That no Naval, Military, or other member shall be admitted with side-arms.

9. That when a member addresses the N. G., he shall be standing, or be fined 3d., and any member interrupting another whilst addressing the lodge, shall be fined 6d. for each offence.

10. That if a member disobey the N. G., or any other officer, when called to order, he shall be fined 6d. for each offence.

11. That all toasts and sentiments shall be given by the N. G., or by the members on whom he shall call.

12. That the three propositions in lodge shall be asked as follows:—The Sick or Distressed first; the Good and Welfare second; and the propositions for New Members third: and that the said propositions shall be closed as soon as the business appertaining thereto is concluded, and shall not again be re-opened the same evening.

13. That every member shall pay his contribution,

which shall not be less than 3d. per week clear to the funds of the lodge to which he belongs, whether he attend or not, except he has drawn his card, in which case none shall be demanded, and shall not be credited with contributions, except on a regular lodge-night.

14. That no member shall be charged with liquor money as part of his contributions.

15. That no lodge shall be allowed to divide its funds, nor shall they have power to appropriate the same for any purposes except cases of charity, distress, sickness, or death, the necessary incidental expenses of the lodge or district, or to members for meritorious conduct or services rendered to a lodge, district, or order.*

16. That any member being in a lodge-room in a state of intoxication, shall, for the first offence be fined the sum of 5s.; for the second, 10s.; and for the third, he shall be reported to a committee of the district, and shall suffer as they may think proper; in all cases the fine to go to the lodge in which the offence was committed, and the lodge to which he belongs shall be responsible for the payment, if he continue a member.

17. That any member insulting, quarrelling with, or striking a member, either in or out of lodge, shall be fined the sum of 5s. Any member aiding or abetting in such offence, shall be fined 2s. 6d. If any brother misbehaves himself during lodge-hours, or enters into conversation with a new-made brother, so that his conduct may be deemed a bad example, he shall be fined 2s. 6d.

18. That if any member sleep in the lodge-room during lodge-hours, he shall be fined 3d.; and any member swearing, singing an indecent or political song, or giving an indecent or political toast or sentiment, shall be fined 1s.

* This law will not prevent lodges placing their funds out at interest, upon good security.

19. That if any member eat in the lodge-room, read newspapers or other publications, lay or offer to lay wagers, or do any kind of business (except that of the Order), he shall be fined 1s.

20. That no member shall be allowed to go in or out of the lodge-room during discussion or harmony except by consent of the N. G.

21. That no member shall vote or take office in the lodge the night he is initiated, or the night he throws in his card or clearance, except it be on the opening of a new lodge; or be allowed to vote in any lodge except where he is a subscribing member. The Host shall not be allowed to vote or take office in the lodge of which he is the host; but should he be the host of one lodge and a member of another, he shall be allowed to vote or take office in the lodge in which he is a subscribing member; and should he have passed the offices of his lodge, he shall be eligible to sit as a deputy at the committee of his district, or at the A. M. C. of the Order; or stand his poll for the offices of his district, if properly qualified as other officers.

22. That every officer belonging to the lodge shall be protected by the same law as the N. G., and when the charge of the lodge is given to the V. G., the same good order shall be kept as if the N. G. was present, and the same fines imposed.

23. That if any member neglect to address the present or past officers by their respective titles, he shall be fined 3d.

24. That no titles be given, or the word Brother be used, except at those times when Odd-Fellows only compose a company.

25. That if any member divulge a member's name who votes against a person becoming an Independent Odd-Fellow, or make known the discussions used in lodge or committee, so as to cause disturbance or angry feeling between two or more members, he shall in each case be fined:—for the first offence, 5s.; for *the second, 10s.*; and for the third, be suspended for

twelve months. Any member making known the discussions used in lodge or committee to any person that does not belong to the Order, shall be fined for the first offence, 10s.; for the second, 21s.; and for the third, be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge or district may think fit.

26. That any member improperly reflecting on the decisions of a lodge or committee, legally convened, so as to bring the same into contempt or ridicule, he shall be fined 2s. 6d. for each offence.

27. That any member not attending his lodge, or a committee of the same, after being duly summoned, shall be fined 6d., unless he send a satisfactory apology.

28. That no lodge shall be allowed to sit under any laws but those adopted by the Order in general, or bye laws made in conformity therewith. Any lodge breaking this law shall, for the first offence, be fined £5 5s., and for the second, be expelled, the fine to be paid into the funds of the district; but if there is only one lodge in the district, the fine to be paid into the general funds of the Order.

PROPOSITIONS AND MAKINGS.

29. That there shall be paid by every person for his initiation, not less than £1 1s., articles included; but that it shall be discretionary with lodges how much they charge above that sum.

30. That it be discretionary with districts whether they act according to the former or latter parts of the following law, namely :—That no person be admitted into a lodge-room until the whole of his initiation money has been paid; one half of the initiation money to be paid at the time of proposition; or that no person be admitted into a lodge-room to be

proof being made, be expelled the Order, without mitigation.

35. That any lodge making a person whose age is stated, when proposed, to be thirty years of age, or upwards, shall obtain a register, which shall be produced, or the person proposed shall prove his age to the satisfaction of the district officers, or to a quarterly committee of the district, (as a committee of the district may determine) previous to his admission. Any lodge breaking this law, shall be fined £1 1s., which shall be paid into the district fund.

36. If any person be proposed in one lodge and made in another within the space of six calendar months from the time he was proposed in the first lodge, the lodge accepting such person shall pay to the lodge in which he was first proposed the sum of 10s. 6d.; but no lodge shall have any claim if a longer time have elapsed between the proposition and the initiation than six calendar months.

37. That any person may be made and accepted where he thinks proper, provided he be of good character.

38. That no lodge shall be allowed to make a person who may have been refused to be made or accepted in another lodge in compliance, until they have received the consent of a quarterly committee of the district, under a penalty of £1 1s. to the district fund; or if of two separate districts, the fine shall be paid into the funds of the Order. That any person who may have been refused acceptance by one lodge, obtaining admission into another lodge, and not acquainting its members of the fact of his having been so refused acceptance, shall, on proof being made, be expelled the Order.

39. That any lodge making a person on the Sabbath-day, shall pay a fine of £5 5s. into the district fund, unless there be but one lodge in the district; then the fine to be paid into the general fund of the Order.

40. That no person shall be initiated in any lodge

with an intention of becoming a member of an intended new lodge until a dispensation be granted for the opening of such new lodge by a district committee, under a penalty of £1 1s. for each and every person so initiated; such fine to be paid into the district fund.

41. If any member persuade a person who may be proposed for any lodge to be initiated in another, before the expiration of six calendar months from the date of such proposition, he shall be fined £1 1s., which fine shall be paid into the district fund.

ARREARS.

42. That any member allowing his contribution to exceed the amount of fourteen weeks' contribution, or being fined and not paying such fine within fourteen weeks, or ordering goods and not paying for them in fourteen weeks after delivery, shall not be allowed his sick pay until the expiration of fourteen weeks from the time he complies. Any member being fined shall be made acquainted with the same, in writing, within three months, or it shall be null and void.

NOTE. If a member of a lodge whose contribution is one shilling per fortnight, does not pay on *the lodge-night his contributions exceed* 6*s.*, when the lodge is opened the following lodge-night he will have allowed his contributions to exceed fourteen weeks, consequently will be bad upon the books.—The same will apply to all lodges and members whatever their weekly contributions may be.

43. Any member neglecting to discharge his fines or arrears, shall not be allowed to visit his own or any other lodge until he complies.

44. If a member be in arrears exceeding the amount of twelve months' contribution, the lodge to which he was last a subscribing member shall be al-

lowed to re-admit him, if they think proper, by his paying the usual admittance fee according to his age. He may be admitted into any other lodge within three miles of his residence, if there be one within that distance, if the lodge which he is anxious to join find, upon application to the lodge to which he last belonged, that there exists no reasonable objection to his being admitted. Any person who has formerly been a member of the Order, joining another lodge without informing them of his having been a member of the Order before, shall be expelled.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS.

45. That lodges shall be allowed to make such laws for their government, in case of sickness or distress, as may to them seem most proper, provided they be not contrary to general law.

46. That if any member remove to some distant part, without having a card out of his lodge, and causes to be paid into his own or any other lodge all moneys due to his lodge during his absence, he shall be entitled to the donations of his lodge in case of sickness or distress, as if residing in the neighbourhood of his own lodge, provided he send an account of such sickness or distress to his said lodge, certified by the N. G. of the nearest lodge to the place where he then is, (if there be a lodge in the neighbourhood in strict compliance) or by some respectable medical practitioner or minister, stating his complaint or distress. Any lodge receiving the contributions of any brother of another lodge, shall give the lodge such brother belongs notice of the same within two months from the date of the first payment, or be fined 5s.; the fine to be paid into the lodge such brother belongs. And any lodge paying sick or any other allowance to a member of a distant lodge who may happen to reside in its neighbourhood, shall be

repaid the same by the lodge to which such member belongs within two months after demand made, or be fined 5s. The money to be sent direct to the lodge.

47. That no lodge be allowed to pass a bye-law declaring that the funds of the lodge shall be closed against members in distress, but that the power be left with the members for the time being.

48. Any member in the receipt of the gifts of the lodge, and who may be found out to be imposing thereon, by stating himself sick and incapable of following his employment, usual avocation, trade, or calling, when he is able or actually doing so, shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge may think fit; and any member in receipt of the gifts getting drunk, shall, for the first offence return one week's gift, and pay a fine of five shillings; for the second offence be suspended for three months; and for the third be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge may think proper.

FUNERALS.

49. That each district shall form a funeral fund, and they be allowed to make such laws for the government thereof as shall to them seem most proper, in accordance with general law; and the same fines shall be enforced in case of disorder as in open lodge.

50. That all lodges in the district shall be compelled to join such funeral fund.

51. That all members shall be entitled to the full funeral fund donation in six or twelve calendar months after they have paid up the whole of their initiation money, as may in both cases be decided upon by a committee of the district. That districts composed of mixed populations, such as mariners and miners, whose occupation, trade, or calling,

subjects them to a greater liability to deaths than mechanics, artisans, and labourers, shall have a discretionary power to charge such mariners and miners a greater sum for their initiation, or to pay a smaller sum for their funeral donation in the event of loss of life by shipwreck or drowning at sea, as relates to mariners; and in the event of death by explosion in a pit or mine, or from after-damp, as relates to miners.—That this law does not affect any party initiated previous to July 1st, 1844.

52. That no regalia be allowed at funerals, except black sashes, hat-bands, white or black gloves, and aprons bound with black.

53. That it be optional with districts whether they read the funeral service at the grave of deceased members or not.

EXPULSIONS.

54. If any member make known the secrets of the Order, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of his lodge or district may think proper.

55. If any member damage, destroy, detain, or take away the regalia, money, or other property belonging the lodge or district, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge or district may deem necessary, and he shall not be re-instated until the whole be made good.

56. That if any member be convicted of felony by a jury of his countrymen, he shall be expelled the Order.

57. That if any member be guilty of fraud, or any other disgraceful crime, or does follow any evil, wicked, or notorious practice, contrary to law, or use any unlawful means in procuring a livelihood, if proof be made thereof, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge or district may think fit.

58. That if any member be expelled, the N. G. of the lodge shall send notice to the C. S., who shall make it known to the different lodges in the district, stating the cause of expulsion.

59. That before any member is expelled, (except in cases of conviction of felony) the N. G. shall call a committee of the lodge, to which every member of the lodge who resides within three miles shall be summoned, (the summonses shall state the nature of the business to be brought forward,) and the member charged with the commission of an offence shall be furnished with a copy of the charge at least fourteen days before the time appointed for hearing.

60. That the names of all witnesses shall be taken at the time the case is tried, and none other shall be heard on any subsequent hearing of the case.

61. That any member having committed a crime which subjects him to expulsion, not appearing before a committee of the lodge to answer for his conduct within one month after the commission of the crime is made known to the lodge, having been duly summoned, he shall be proceeded against in the same manner as if he were present; and should there be no possibility of summoning him, he shall be proceeded with in one month after the commission of such crime in the same manner as if he were present.

62. That when a member is suspended or expelled. and shall appeal and establish his innocence, he shall, in case he falls sick between the time of his suspension or expulsion and such appeal, be entitled to his sick allowance; or any member being suspended or expelled, and dying between the time of such suspension or expulsion and the hearing of his appeal, (he having given notice of appeal,) and his innocence proved to the satisfaction of the next quarterly committee, his widow, or other legal representative shall be entitled to his funeral donation.

63. That any lodge admitting expelled, suspended, or illegal persons, or in any way giving them countenance or aid, by lending or allowing them the use of any regalia, or lodge property, such lodge shall,

from the time of committing such acts, become suspended from all benefits and privileges of the Order until they shall satisfy the quarterly committee of the district; and if such practices be persisted in, or repeated after notice being given them of the illegality of such proceedings, they shall be expelled the Order.

64. That the name of no expelled member be inserted in the quarterly reports of the Order until he has had an opportunity of appealing to a quarterly committee of the district to which his lodge belongs.

NOTE. Members' names who may have left the Order by allowing their contributions to exceed twelve months, will not for the future be put in the quarterly reports.

65. That no member who has been expelled by his lodge shall be re-instated without the consent of a quarterly committee of the district to which his lodge belongs, under a penalty of £2 2s., which shall be paid into the district fund.

PASS-WORDS.

66. That the officers of the Order shall send out a pass-word quarterly, for the admission of members, and a pass-word yearly, for the use of members drawing cards and of those connected with issuing and examining the same.

67. That the C. S. or any other member or lodge shall be fined £1 1s. if he or they send the minutes, pass-word, or any other information connected with the Order to any lodge out of compliance.

68. That the key of the pass-word shall be kept only with the lecture-book of each lodge; and any officer or lodge improperly exposing it, shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of his lodge or district may deem proper.

69. That the N. G. shall not give the quarterly pass-word to any member of his lodge but such as

are legally entitled to receive it; nor to any member of another lodge, unless he receives a certificate to that effect, signed by the proper officers of his lodge, and under the lodge seal; and shall enjoin members who receive it not to give it to any one, except the outside and inside guardians of the lodges in legal possession of the same.

70. Any member giving the pass-word to a member not entitled to it, shall be fined the sum of 5s. for each offence.

71. Any member attempting at imposition, by presenting a false certificate to obtain possession of the pass-word, shall be expelled the Order.

DISPUTES.

72. That lodges shall have power to form committees to try minor offences, immediately after the commission of such offence, when the penalty does not exceed £1 1s.; such committee shall consist of not less than eleven members, together with the N. G., (who shall preside,) and shall be chosen in the following manner, viz.:—the name or number of each member shall be placed in the balloting box, and the first eleven names or numbers drawn, residing within three miles, shall form the committee, each party having power to object to four members; nine to form a quorum. Should such committee find during their investigation of a case that it is likely to prove more serious than was expected, and subject the party or parties concerned to a greater penalty than they have power to inflict, it shall be referred to a committee of the whole lodge.

73. That when a dispute, or other matter of a serious nature is brought before a lodge, which is likely to subject the party or parties concerned to a greater penalty than £1 1s., it shall be referred to a committee of the whole lodge, to which every mem-

ber good on the books shall be summoned, if he reside within three miles from the lodge; the summonses shall express the business to be brought forward, and no other business shall be transacted by such committee but that specified. The party or parties complained against shall in all cases where a committee of the whole lodge is called, be furnished with a copy of the charge at least fourteen days before the case is heard, and the names of witnesses shall be taken at the time, and no other shall be heard at any subsequent hearing of the case.

74. That if any member suffer his contribution to run on more than fourteen weeks, and there be at the time a charge pending against him, he shall be bound to answer to such charge if persisted in, and shall pay up all contributions due by him previous to the hearing of the case, or to his being again admitted a member.

75. That should a dispute arise between members of different lodges in the same district, it shall be referred to a quarterly committee. A copy of the charge shall be given to the district officers, in writing, by the party aggrieved, and the party or parties complained against shall be summoned to attend, and be furnished with a copy of such charge at least fourteen days before the case is heard; and no evidence shall be received at any subsequent hearing of the case, but such as was produced before such committee.

76. That if a member prefer a chargo against another member, and the same be brought before a committee and proved to be false, he shall for every offence be fined 7s.; and if he continue to prefer such charge against the same member, and it still be proved false, he shall for the second offence be fined 10s. 6d.; and for the third be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee may deem proper.

77. That when a charge is brought by a lodge, officer, or brother, against any lodge, officer, or bro-

ther of another district, then the case shall be tried before a quarterly committee of the district to which the aggressor belongs; and if a fine be inflicted on either party, the fine shall be divided, and one-half shall go into each district fund, unless an appeal be made to the appeal committee, or the A. M. C., in such case the fine shall go into the general funds of the Order. That in all cases where a charge is preferred by a lodge or member, against another lodge or member, the same shall be made in writing, and shall state the time and place when and where the offence was committed.

APPEALS.

78. That in all cases of appeal, the decision appealed against shall be inserted in full in the report of the committee where the case is heard, and the reason assigned for such conclusion being come to, and read afterwards to the parties concerned in the same; such decision to be printed with the quarterly report.

79. That any party aggrieved at the decisions of a committee of his lodge, may appeal to a committee of his district within six months after the resolution appealed against was passed.

80. That any lodge or member aggrieved at the decision of the district committee, may, if they think proper, appeal to the G. M. and Board of Directors previous to the next ensuing committee of the district being held.

81. That any lodge or member aggrieved at the decisions of the District, may appeal either to the G. M. and Board of Directors, or to the next ensuing A. M. C. of the Order, provided there be sufficient time to give notice to the parties concerned.

82. That in all cases of appeals, sufficient notice must be given that the district, lodges, or parties

concerned may be summoned at least fourteen days previous to the re-hearing of the case.

83. That in all cases of appeal, the decision appealed against must be complied with before such appeal can be heard; but in cases where money matters are concerned, the lodge or member shall be considered as having complied, if they deposit the amount in the hands of the district officers, or the board of directors, and give notice of appeal within one month after the hearing of the case. If they fail to do so, the money shall be paid to the lodge or member in whose favour the case was decided.

LODGE COMMITTEES.

84. That it shall be discretionary with lodges to act upon the following law, viz.:—That each lodge shall hold a financial committee at the end of every sitting, and previous to the next lodge-night, to which every member shall be summoned. The summonses shall state the amount due, and the auditors shall make a report of the income and expenditure of the lodge since the last financial committee was held, and shall give any other information that may be considered necessary. The committee shall make all necessary arrangements for the internal government of the lodge until the next financial committee is held, and transact any other business specified in the summonses.

85. That no bye-law shall be made, altered, or rescinded, except at a committee of the whole lodge.

86. That all fines imposed by a committee of the lodge, shall be paid into the lodge funds.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

87. There shall be three elective officers, viz.:—

N. G., V. G., and Secretary, who shall be elected by ballot, and sit thirteen lodge-nights, exclusive of lecture-nights; to be chosen out of their own lodge, except in case of a new lodge as mentioned in the 98th law.

88. Propositions for candidates shall be received on the two lodge-nights previous to the night of election.

89. To qualify a member for the office of N. G., he shall have served the office of V. G. or some other office for thirty-nine nights.

90. That no member shall be allowed to stand his poll for the office of N. G., unless he can read well and answer the fundamental questions of the four degrees. The N. G. shall nominate the Warden, Conductor, Right and Left Supporters, and Outside and Inside Guardians.

91. To qualify a member for the office of V. G., he shall have served the office of Secretary or some other office for twenty-six nights. The V. G. shall nominate his own Supporters.

92. That any brother be eligible to be elected Secretary.—Lodges may appoint two or more Assistant Secretaries should they find it necessary to do so.

93. That no paid Secretary shall be allowed to count such office as a qualification for any other office; and that lodges shall have power to appoint permanent Secretaries, although such persons appointed be members of another lodge or district.

94. All officers shall take their situations on the election night, except the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Warden, who shall take theirs on the lodge-night following.

95. The inferior officers are the Assistant Secretary, Warden, Supporters to the N. G. and V. G., Inside and Outside Guardians, and the Conductor, who shall be chosen out of their own lodge, except in case of a new lodge.

96. If an elective officer forfeit or vacate his office, the proposition for the election of another in his stead,

shall be made on one lodge-night and the election take place on the lodge-night following. No person shall be entitled as a past officer unless he has filled the office to which he was elected three lodge-nights previous to the regular election night.

97. Members serving as elective or inferior officers in their own lodge, shall not be allowed to take office in any other lodge.

98. That when a new lodge is opened, any past officer or member in the district, being duly qualified, may become a candidate, and stand his poll to serve any office in such lodge, and may either draw his clearance or remain a member of his own lodge during the time he is filling it, provided there are no qualified members belonging to the new lodge who are willing to take office. But in case there are no candidates to fill the elective offices, past officers having notice from the G. M. of the district, shall be obliged to attend or be fined 1s. A lodge shall be considered *new* until the expiration of eighteen months after its first being opened.

99. District officers are recommended to discountenance the payment of any unnecessary sum for the services of any officer who may serve in such lodges.

100. That no P. G., V. G., or Secretary, shall oppose any qualified brother for the same situation, unless he have been out of the said office twelve months.

101. Any member canvassing for elective offices (either for himself or another) in lodge, district, or Order, shall be fined 1s. for each offence.

102. Every member who accepts an office, shall attend the lodge and take his situation at the time appointed for opening the same, or send an apology satisfactory to a majority of the members present, or be fined,—elective officers, 1s., and inferior officers, 6d.; and if absent for three successive nights, either with or without an apology, shall vacate his office, *and another be* appointed in his stead, except such

absence is caused by sickness, (in such cases only) his situation shall be filled by any qualified member of the lodge, and the sick officer shall be entitled to the office to which he was appointed.

103. That all officers on taking their situations in the lodge after election, be provided with a copy of the charges and duties by the N. G., and that they be perfect in the same in six weeks from that time, under a fine of 1s. for the P. G., N. G., and V. G., and the inferior officers 6d. The fines shall be repeated every six weeks, and be paid into the district fund. District officers are required to see this law strictly enforced.

104. That should an elective officer of a lodge suffer his contributions to exceed the amount of fourteen weeks' contribution, or being fined and not paying such fine in fourteen weeks, or ordering goods and not paying for them in fourteen weeks after delivery, he shall vacate his office and another be appointed in his stead.

105. That on the regular election nights, two or more auditors shall be appointed by the lodge, who shall examine the accounts for the last sitting. The three principal present and last past officers shall attend to give and receive all necessary information.

NOTE. That in case a sufficient number of parties are not willing to accept inferior office, lodges and districts have power to make bye-laws to compel members to take office, after giving sufficient notice in writing to that effect.

DUTY OF N. G.

106. That all summonses shall be signed by the N. G. and Secretary of the lodge, and in case where the N. G. cannot attend, he shall empower the Secretary to sign for him.

107. That each N. G. shall make or cause to be made, a list of all members initiated in his lodge during the past twelve months, and forward it to the C. S. of his district on or before the first of January in each year. Any lodge making out an incorrect list, or not sending it in due time to the C. S. of their district, shall be fined £1 1s., which shall be paid into the district fund.

108. That the N. G. shall do all in his power to suppress disorder in his lodge, and shall not put any motion to the vote which is contrary to law.

PAST GRANDS.

109. That every P. G. on leaving the N. G.'s chair shall take the G. M.'s chair for the next thirteen nights, and shall be fined for non-attendance the same as elective officers.

110. That the name of no P. G. shall be placed on the Dispensation Board until the expiration of his term of office as G. M., and not till then unless he have served the office in a meritorious manner in the same lodge.

111. That if any P. G. be expelled, his name shall be taken off the Dispensation Board.

LECTURE BOOK AND SUPPLEMENT.

112. That the Board of Directors shall publish a lecture book and supplement, under the sanction of the A. M. C, for the instruction and information of members, and that each lodge shall be supplied with a copy of the same.

113. The lecture book and supplement shall be kept in a box with two locks, in the desk or some

safe place; the N. G. shall keep one key, and any P. G. appointed by the lodge shall keep the other.

114. That no officer or other member shall be allowed to take the lecture book or supplement out of the lodge, under a penalty of £2 2s., which shall be paid into the district fund.

115. That lodges occupying lodge rooms in outbuildings, shall remove the box containing the lecture book and supplement into some safe apartment in the house where the lodge is held.

116. That any person writing or copying any part of the lecture book or supplement, without the consent of the G. M. and Board of Directors, shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee may think necessary.

LECTURES AND DEGREES.

117. That lodges shall be allowed to hold their lectures at any time a majority of their members, in committee assembled, may think proper, but that they shall be held at least once a month, and that fines shall be inflicted for non-attendance and disorder, the same as lodge nights.

118. If any member enter a lecture, and give the sign or pass-word of a degree which he has not received legally, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of his lodge or district may deem proper.

119. That the lectures and degrees be given by the N. G., and shall be attended by the G. M., V. G., and Secretary, and that lodges shall have power to compel the attendance of the inferior officers to assist in giving such degrees or lectures, as they may have received.

120. That no lecture shall be held except in a regular lodge house, and on a lecture night.

121. That any member may receive the white degree on the first lecture night after he has paid the whole of his initiation money; he may receive the blue degree in three months after he has received the white, and the remaining degrees in the same rotation, provided he give notice to the lodge on a regular lodge-night; but in all cases he must be able to give the signs and pass-words of the degree or degrees he has already taken, or otherwise he will not be entitled to receive another degree until he can do so.

122. That no member shall be required to pay for taking degrees: any district or lodge violating this law shall be fined the sum of £1 1s., which shall be paid into the general fund of the Order.

123. That no lecture shall be delivered in any lodge, except those in the general lecture-book. Any member violating this law shall be fined £1 1s., which shall be paid into the district fund.

124. That each district shall hold a quarterly lecture, at which lecture the degrees of past officer shall be given, and no past officer shall receive the degree to which he may be entitled by office unless he produce a certificate, sanctioned by the lodge in which he served the office, with the seal attached, stating that he has served the office to their satisfaction: and in the event of such quarterly lecture refusing him the said degree, he shall have power to appeal to the next A. M. C. against such refusal, provided sufficient notice thereof be given.

125. That no member shall receive a degree unless he has served the office for which such degree is intended, except the officers of the Order or District.

SECURITY FOR REGALIA.

126. That all lodges shall get security from the Host, for anything they may entrust him with.

REMOVAL OF LODGES.

27. That the lodge to which either the G. M., D. G. M., or C. S. of the district is a subscribing member, shall not be allowed to remove without the sanction of a district quarterly or special committee; and that any other lodge in the district shall not be allowed to remove without the sanction of the district officers, or of a district quarterly committee: and any lodge in either case, removing without the sanction required by this law, shall be fined the sum of £5, and suffer such other punishment as a committee of the district may think fit, such fine to be paid to the district fund.

128. That no lodge shall be allowed to alter the night of meeting without the consent of the quarterly committee, under a penalty of £1 1s.; the fine to be paid into the district fund.

TRAVELLING CARDS.

129. That no member shall be entitled to a card or clearance, until twelve months after he has paid the whole of his initiation money.

130. That the N. G. and Secretary shall sign all cards and clearances, affix the lodge seal thereon, and see that they are properly filled up, or be answerable for the conduct of those whom they may authorize to do so for them, and that the N. G. do give the adopted travelling pass-word to each member receiving a card.

131. That in all cases when a lodge issues a card, it shall be sealed and signed as correct, by the examining officer of the district to which the lodge belongs, before the member shall be allowed to apply for relief to any other district, and should he declare it to be correct when it is not so, he shall be fined the sum of 5s, which fine shall be paid to the general funds of the Order.

132. That any member soliciting a card, without proving his necessity for it, shall be fined 10s. 6d., which shall be paid into the funds of the lodge within one month from the time the fine is inflicted, or he shall be suspended until it is paid.

133. That any N. G. allowing a member a card, without previously ascertaining the absolute necessity of such member travelling for his support, shall be fined £1 1s., and his lodge be responsible for the payment. The fine to be paid into the district fund.

134. That the sum allowed per week in case of sickness, and the amount of funeral donation, shall be inserted in every card.

135. That any lodge granting a card to a member who has had one before, shall insert the date when he threw such card into the lodge, and also the date when such card was granted, as also the date of his initiation, and the name of the lodge.

136. If a lodge send a member on travel with a card improperly filled up, it shall be detained and forwarded immediately to the G. M. and Board of Directors, who shall fine the lodge £1 1s., which shall be paid into the funds of the Order, and that a notice thereof be inserted in the quarterly reports.

137. That when a lodge has granted a card, and the member put such card into another lodge, they may, on application, return him such card, if under six months old; but on the expiration of six months from the time it was first granted, he shall remain full six months before he be allowed to take out a fresh one.

138. That when a card is detained by an examining officer for being incorrectly filled up, if the brother be legally entitled to one, such officer shall copy the card on to one printed in red ink, provided for that purpose, and affix his seal and signature to it, which shall be given to the travelling member, to whom it shall be of full use and effect, and not liable *again to be stopped*. The incorrect card shall be *forwarded to the* G. M. and Board of Directors, who

shall fine the lodge issuing it £1 1s., which shall be paid into the general fund of the Order.

139. No member shall be allowed to travel with a card above six months old.

140. That no member shall be allowed a card who has lost his employment through a strike or turn-out for wages—trades' unions not being countenanced by the Order.

141. That no card be granted to a member unless he make application on a lodge or lecture night. Any lodge granting a card contrary to this law shall be fined £1 1s., which shall be paid into the district fund.

142. That any member obtaining goods or property, of any description, of another member, shall not be allowed a card or clearance, or any other relief or benefit whatever, or vote or take office until he has made recompense for the same, or shown sufficient cause to a committee of the lodge or district where the case is tried, why such recompense has not been made.

143. That any member allowing his contribution to exceed the amount of fourteen weeks, or being fined, and not paying such fine in fourteen weeks, shall not be allowed his card or clearance until full six months after reducing his contribution under the fourteen weeks, or until full six months after such fine is paid. Any lodge breaking this law shall be fined £1 1s. without mitigation, which fine shall be paid into the funds of the district to which such lodge belongs, except there be but one lodge in the district, in which case it shall be paid into the general funds of the Order.

144. Members ordering goods and not paying for them in fourteen weeks after delivery, shall be subjected to the above law.

145. That when a member has drawn his card, he shall belong to the lodge from which he drew it for the space of six months, provided he does not *throw it into* any other lodge. Should he throw it

into another lodge, he will belong to that which receives it. If the same card be again drawn, he shall then belong to the lodge from which it was first issued.

146. That should a member fall sick when on travel he shall procure a certificate from a medical practitioner, or from the minister of the place where such sickness may occur and forward it to his lodge through the medium of the N. G. of some neighbouring lodge, (if any) who shall see his sick allowance paid, provided his card is not above six months old, which shall be refunded by the lodge to which such member belongs. But if there is no lodge in the immediate neighbourhood, the certificate sent direct to his lodge shall be considered satisfactory, and his sick pay shall be forwarded in the best manner possible.

147. That should a member die while on travel, the lodge in or near the place where the casualty happened, shall, on receipt of a certificate signed by a registrar of the district, advance the funeral donation as stated on the member's card, which shall be refunded by the lodge to which he belonged.

148. Any member drawing a card shall, within a fortnight from the date of the last travelling relief being inserted thereon, or meeting with employment, throw it into his own lodge, or into another more than five miles from the place where he drew such card. Members neglecting to do so, shall no longer be considered as members of the Order. This refers to lodges meeting fortnightly; in all other cases twenty-eight days shall be allowed.

149. Any lodge having a bye-law to prohibit the admission of a member, or refusing to admit one bringing a legal card or clearance from a lodge in compliance, at a greater distance than five miles, shall be fined £2 2s. without mitigation, which fine shall be paid into the general fund of the Order.

150. That lodges shall have power to refuse a *member presenting* a card or clearance, when such

member or his wife (if any) is in an unsound state of health, and the lodge from which the card was drawn, shall be compelled again to receive such member.

151. That when a card is presented to an examining officer, on which no relief has been inserted for three days, if he be not satisfied with the member's statement, he shall stop it, and return it to the officers of the district from which it was drawn.

152. That members may present, and lodges accept such cards or clearances within the distance of five miles, but are not compelled to do so.

153. That in case the card of a member be refused by a lodge, he shall be allowed the space of four weeks from the time of such refusal to return it to the lodge from which he drew it, and that lodge shall be bound to receive it. If the member exceed the space of four weeks, he shall, up to the extent of six months, be allowed to throw his card into the lodge from which he drew it, on payment of a fine of 5s. and of full contribution from the time of such refusal. If kept out above six months, his own lodge shall have the power to reject him; but if they think proper to receive it, he shall pay the said fine of 5s. and contribution from the time of such refusal.

154. That any person throwing his card or clearance into a lodge shall become a full member immediately on payment of 1s. 6d.

155. That no lodge shall receive a member of another lodge in compliance, without a proper card or clearance, under a penalty of £1 1s., which shall be paid to the lodge to which the member last belonged.

TRAVELLING RELIEFS.

156. That every district in the Unity pay not less than 3d. per traveller, if under 1000 members; 1000

and less than 2000, 4d.; 2000 and less than 3000, 5d; and so on rising 1d. per 1000; and that the amount be equalized amongst all the lodges in the district according to the number of members.

157. That all lodges in every district shall join at the travelling expenses of the district they belong to, and any district exempting any lodge from paying their equal quota, shall be fined £5, or be suspended until they comply. The fine to go to the general fund of the Order.

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160. That no member shall be allowed to apply to individual lodges for relief during the time he may be in possession of a travelling card.

161. That the examining officer shall refuse the relief to members not in possession of the travelling pass-word.

162. That the examining officer shall not be allowed to grant the relief to any member twice in six months.

CLEARANCES.

163. That if a lodge issue a clearance improperly filled up, the lodge to which it is presented shall stop it, and forward it to the G. M. and Board of Directors, who shall fine the lodge issuing it 5s., which shall be paid into the funds of the Order, and the lodge from which such clearance was drawn shall furnish the member with a new one. No clearances to be granted except on regular lodge-nights.

164. That when a member has drawn a clearance, he shall throw it into his own or any other lodge within fourteen days from the day it was granted, (this refers to lodges meeting fortnightly, in all other cases twenty-eight days shall be allowed.) If he neglect to lodge his clearance within the time speci-

fied, he shall return the same to his own lodge within the space of four weeks after the expiration of the time allowed as above, and be fined 2s. 6d., and pay his contribution from the time it was granted, or forfeit his claim as a member.

165. That lodges shall have power to refuse the clearance of a member, if he or his wife (if any) be in an unsound state of health, in which case he shall be allowed the space of four weeks from the time of refusal to return it to the lodge from which he drew it, which lodge shall be bound to receive it on the member paying up his contribution from the time it was granted.

166. That when a member has lodged his clearance, he shall not be allowed to draw another for the space of three months, but should he require a card, and not have had one previously, he shall be legally entitled to one. Should he have had a card previously he shall not be allowed a clearance until such time as he is entitled to another card.

PETITIONS.

167. That all petitions shall receive the sanction of the quarterly committee of the district, and the number of lodges to which the petition shall go, shall be fixed by such committee.

168. That all petitions shall be signed by the district officers, and be liable to be withdrawn at any time by them. That when a petition has gone through the lodges named, it shall be delivered to the district officers, and a statement of the amount received shall be published with the next quarterly minutes.

169. That no member shall be allowed to apply for relief, except in his own district, and there only with the consent of the district officers.

DISTRICTS.

170. That all lodges shall belong to the district by which they are opened, and shall not be allowed to leave that or any other district to which they may afterwards belong, without the consent of an Annual Moveable Committee. They shall pay all just debts due by them to the district to which they are about to leave, and shall forfeit all claim to the district funds.

171. That every district in the Unity shall meet half-way from the market-place, if a Market Town, or if not a Market Town, half-way from the centre of the Village or place from which such district takes its name; and any district committee granting a dispensation to open a new lodge, or giving liberty to remove an old one nearer to a town, centre of a village, or place from which another district takes its name, without the consent of such district, shall be fined the sum of £5; one-half of the fine shall be paid to the general funds of the Order, and the other half into the funds of the district infringed upon.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

172. That each district shall hold a committee quarterly to transact its business, which shall be called a grand committee. The annual quarterly committee of each district shall be held in the last week in December, or the first week in January in each year.

173. That fines shall be imposed at grand committees in cases of disorder, the same as if in open lodge.

174. That grand committees shall not be allowed *any liquor in the* committee-room before dinner.

175. That each Lodge shall appoint an equal

number of delegates to attend the district committee, who shall be chosen out of the past and present elective officers, and no deputy shall sit on such committee unless he has been regularly appointed by his lodge, and he be a subscribing member (but in cases of emergency, the N. G. shall have the power to appoint any qualified officer in his stead, subject to the approval of the quarterly committee), except in case of a new lodge, when any of the elective officers may be appointed, though not subscribing members of such lodge, provided there be none of their own qualified, and that districts shall have a discretionary power to act upon the following rule, namely:—

The deputies may be divided into sub-committees of thirteen persons, ten to be appointed by ballot, and three—who shall be chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary—to be appointed by the whole body, to hear cases of appeals, charges, application for petitions, and alterations of lodge-nights. The decision of such committees to be confirmed by the whole of the deputies in full committee assembled.

176. That all lodges in districts whose committees are moveable from one lodge to another throughout the district, shall be compelled to send a deputy or deputies to such committee.

177. That those lodges in districts whose committees are stationary in one town, shall not be compelled to send deputies to such committees, if the lodge be situated at a greater distance than five miles from the place from which the district takes its name, or from the place where the centre is fixed.

That districts shall not pay the expenses of delegates from lodges attending the quarterly committees.

178. That every motion which comes before a district committee, shall be stated in writing previous to its being put to the vote, and the resolutions carried shall be kept by the district officers, and they shall not put any motion to the vote which is *contrary to law.*

179. That all are bound to abide by the decisions of district committees. But if any measure has been adopted contrary to their wishes, they may have a re-hearing of the case at the ensuing committee, if the district and the parties concerned are agreeable.

180. That when a member has sat upon a committee to hear a case (except the same were a committee of the whole lodge legally summoned), he shall not be allowed to sit as deputy at any subsequent hearing of the case, provided the decision of such committee be appealed against.

181. That any member improperly reflecting on the decisions of a committee of the district, so as to bring it into contempt or ridicule, shall be fined, for the first offence, 5s.; for the second, 7s.; and for the third, shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the district may deem sufficient.

182. That any lodge paying the fine of a member inflicted by a quarterly committee, out of the funds of the lodge, without assigning a sufficient cause for it to the satisfaction of the district committee, they shall be considered to stand in the place of such member, and be subject to any further fine or censure the quarterly committee may think proper.

183. That no committee, on business of any nature or kind whatsoever connected with the Order, shall be held on the Sabbath-day, under a penalty of 21s. (if of a lodge, the fine to go to the district fund, and if of a district, to go to the general fund of the Order), and the proceedings to be null and void.

184. That all lodges shall join in the necessary and incidental expenses of the district to which they belong, according to the number of members.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

185. That each district shall elect three officers by

ballot, viz.:—G. M., D. G. M., and C. S., at each annual committee of the district, out of Past Grands who have taken the Purple Degree. They shall be nominated at the September quarterly committee, (by the delegates then present), whether present or not, and their names circulated in the reports; and no P. G. shall be allowed to stand his poll, unless he has been so nominated.

186. That in case any of the parties so nominated be absent on the day of election, they shall be allowed to stand their poll, providing they send a sufficient apology, stating the cause of such absence.

187. That no P. P. G. M. shall be allowed to stand his poll for G. M., unless he has been out of such office twelve calendar months.

188. That no P. P. D. G. M., shall be allowed to stand his poll for D. G. M., unless he has been out of such office twelve calendar months.

189. That C. S.'s shall be eligible for re-election.

190. That if any district officer shall suffer his contribution to exceed the amount of fourteen weeks' contribution, or being fined, and not paying such fine in fourteen weeks, or ordering goods and not paying for them in fourteen weeks after delivery, he shall vacate his office, and another shall be elected in his stead.

191. The examining and relieving officers shall be appointed at the district annual committee. The examining officer shall have taken the purple degree.

192. That the examining officer of each district shall have a seal provided by the district, which shall be affixed, together with his signature, to all cards issued from the district.

193. That district officers shall see that all signs, charges, and makings are alike: and shall have power to examine the books of any lodge in their district, and see that the laws of the Order are duly observed; and if any lodge persist in acting contrary

to law, they shall have power to bring them before a quarterly committee of the district.

194. That no district officer shall be allowed to vote at any district committee, unless the votes be equal, in which case the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

195. That any district officer who shall be found guilty of receiving a bribe, for the purpose of opening any new lodge, or using his influence in contracting for regalia, or other property required for the use of the district, shall forfeit his situation, and be deprived of the title of a district officer.

196. That lodges requiring the attendance of the district officers, shall pay their reasonable expenses.

197. That if a lodge refuse or fail to comply with the resolution of the district committee, the district officers shall warn them of the same, and if they still persist in not complying, any two of the district officers being present, shall have power to suspend such lodge until the next district committee is held. Any district officer using this law with an improper motive, shall be dealt with as a district committee may decide.

DISTRICT C. S.

198. That the C. S. of each district, immediately after his appointment to office, shall send his address and that of the examining officer to the C. S. of the Order.

199. That all communications on lodge business, or connected therewith, shall pass through the hands of the C. S. of the district; and that whatever information the C. S. may receive for his district, he shall cause the same to be forwarded to the respective lodges, and each district shall be empowered to make a regulation, in order to carry the same into effect.

200. That the C. S. of the district shall furnish

each lodge with an account of their arrears and fines, and send it with the quarterly minutes; and if such account be not paid at least seven days before the next quarterly committee, the lodge neglecting payment shall not be allowed the pass-word, reports, or other communications, unless they satisfy a committee why it is not paid.

201. That the C. S. shall bring forward on each quarterly committee, a regular report of the receipts and disbursements, which, after being audited, shall be written or printed, and circulated to all lodges in the district in compliance.

202. That the C. S. of each district shall, on or before the 15th of January in each year, transmit to the C. S. of the Order, the returns received by him from the various lodges in the district, containing an account of every member initiated in such lodges during the last twelve months; and any district not making a correct list, or not sending it in due time to the C. S. of the Order, shall be fined 21s., which shall be paid to the general funds of the Order.

203. That each district shall appoint two or more auditors, who shall examine the accounts of the district, previous to each quarterly committee.

DISTRICT RETURNS.

204. That the G. M. of each district in the Unity shall, up to the first of January in each year, make or cause to be made, a return of each lodge in his district, stating where it is held, and what number of members it contains. Any district neglecting to send their returns to the C. S. of the Order, on or before the 15th of January in each year, shall be fined 21s. These returns shall be printed, together with an account of the cash received by the directors of the Order from each district, the amount of cash owing, and the name and address of the C. S. and examin-

ing officer of each district, and also a list of all lodges in the Order, where held, and their nights of meeting, which shall be sold to the lodges and members at the lowest possible price.

DISTRICT DISPUTES.

205. That should a dispute arise between separate districts, which they cannot mutually settle amongst themselves, either by arbitration or otherwise, they may refer it to the G. M. and appeal committee.

PURPLE DEGREE.

206. That the G. M. of each district shall hold a lecture quarterly, to be called a Purple Lecture; at which degrees be given to Past Grands who are duly entitled to receive them.

207. In order to qualify an officer to take this degree, he must have regularly passed through the office of N. G., filled the office of G. M. of his lodge for thirteen lodge-nights, taken the four inferior degrees, together with the degree attached to the office of N. G., which must be taken at least three months before he receives this degree, and be good on the books of his lodge. He shall be proposed and seconded in open lodge by past officers who have taken the same; and if his lodge on the next lodge-night declare him worthy, the presiding officer must sign a certificate to that effect, which must be delivered to the C. S. of the District.

208. Any officer proposing or seconding an officer to take his degree, who is unworthy to receive the same, shall be fined 10s. 6d., which fine shall be paid to the district fund before he shall be again admitted *into any lecture.*

209. That the signs and pass-word of a P. P. G.M. be not given, unless he procure a certificate from a quarterly committee, and sealed by the district officers, stating he has served the office in a meritorious manner.

DISPENSATIONS.

210. That the Board of Directors shall issue dispensations for the opening of lodges, which shall contain the usual forms established by the Order.

211. That any party wishing to open a new lodge, shall cause it to be made known to a lodge in the district, which lodge shall, if they think proper to apply for a dispensation, give notice thereof to the district officers, and make it known in writing to the lodges in the neighbourhood of the intended new lodge, at least one lodge-night previous to the quarterly committee of the district being held; and if it should be proved that it would be injurious to open such new lodge, the dispensation shall not be granted.

212. That no dispensation shall be granted to open a lodge, without the consent of a quarterly committee of the district, and sanctioned by the G. M. and Board of Directors, which shall be dated at the time of opening the lodge, and numbered as they pass in rotation. The lodge applying for such dispensation shall give the new lodge a name, which shall differ from the name given to any other lodge in the district. And should the name appear objectionable to the G. M. and Board of Directors, they shall have power to reject the same.

213. All applications made to the G. M. and Board of Directors for dispensations for new lodges, must be sent so as to be received by them at least fourteen days before the time specified for opening them, and shall be in strict conformity with the following plan, or they cannot be attended to, viz.:—At a quarterly

committee of the_____district, held on the_____day of_____ in the year of our Lord 18____it was resolved that a dispensation be granted to open a lodge at the house of_____known by the sign of_____in the _____street, in the township of_____ in the county of_____to be called_____ _____lodge, and to be opened on the_____day of _____18____and to be held every_____ The first lodge-night to be on_____the_____ day of_____18____

_____Prov. G. M.
_____Prov. D. G. M.
_____Prov. C. S.

All applications to have the district seal attached to the same.

214. That all dispensations, frame, glass, and box for new lodges, shall be sent for from the Board of Directors, in order that they shall be alike.

215. That all dispensations shall be charged the sum of £1 1s., and that the signatures attached to the same shall be those of the three principal officers of the Order; the three principal district officers, and three past officers of the district from which the dispensation was granted: the names of such last-named officers shall be fixed on by the committee granting the dispensation; but in cases where the districts do not forward such names, they shall be supplied by the names of the last past officers of the Order.

216. That no lodge of the Independent Order shall be allowed to be held at any house where there is another secret society which holds its meetings on the same night.

217. That no lodge shall be held at any house licensed under the New Beer Act, except Odd-Fellows' Halls, where a spirit license has been refused: lodges shall be allowed to be held at Temperance Hotels, or in rooms or buildings that may be hired or rented for the purpose.

218. That when the Directors receive an application to open a lodge at a distance from the place where the application is made, they may be empowered to make such arrangements as they may deem necessary in the qualification of parties to take office in the new lodge.

MEDALS, SASHES, AND APRONS.

219. That the colour of sashes and ribbons for suspending medals and trimming aprons, shall be as follows, viz.: Past and present officers of the Order or district, purple; past and present N. G.'s, scarlet; past and present V. G.'s, pink; past and present secretaries, plaid; and brothers, sky-blue.

220. All aprons worn in lodges shall be uniform.

221. No member shall wear a medal, unless he has it voted to him by a lodge or committee of this Order for meritorious conduct. Any member wearing a medal which has not been voted him by a lodge or committee of this Order, shall be fined sixpence for each offence.

CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS.

222. That no member, lodge, or district, shall circulate any document or printed paper, relative to the Order in general, any further than his or their district, except through the medium of the G. M. and Board of Directors.

223. That any member slandering another, designing, printing, or publishing, or by any means circulating any article or document, so as to bring any member into contempt, shall, on proof thereof, be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge or district may think proper.

POSTAGE AND CARRIAGE.

224. That districts or lodges corresponding with one another, through the medium of the post, shall pre-pay the same.

225. That all districts, lodges, or members, not paying their own postage or carriage, shall have the expense of such postage or carriage placed to the account of the districts to which such lodges or members belong.

WIDOW AND ORPHANS' FUND.

226. That it be optional with lodges and members whether they join in a widow and orphans' fund, and that the profits arising from the sale of the Magazine be paid only to those lodges or districts who have formed widow and orphans' funds. If there be lodges in the district who do not join in a widow and orphans' fund, they shall not receive any portion of the profits to be derived from the sale of the same; but it shall be divided equally amongst those lodges who have formed such fund. And if the whole of the members of a lodge or district do not join in contributing to a widow and orphans' fund, the contributors shall have power to make their own laws and to elect from among themselves a separate committee for the management of the affairs of the fund; and such committee shall be deemed a legally constituted district committee, but only so far as regards the particular business of that fund. And if any member of a widow and orphans' fund feel aggrieved by the decision of any managing committee, he shall have the right of appealing direct from thence to the G. M. and Board of Directors; and for the purpose *of preventing* unnecessary expense either to the fund *or individual members*, a plain and impartial state-

ment of the matter in dispute shall be drawn, approved, and signed by the appellant and respondent parties, and attested by the district officers; and such statement, together with a copy of the laws of the fund, and any other documents necessary to the elucidation of the matter, shall be transmitted to the C. S. of the Order, who shall lay the same before the G. M. and Board of Directors, and their decision shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon both parties.

227. That the same rule shall be observed at committees of widow and orphans' funds as in all other committees of the Order; and that no business connected therewith shall be done on the Sabbath-day.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

228. That there shall be three officers of the Order appointed at the A. M. C. out of past officers who have taken the purple degree, viz.:—G. M., D. G. M., and C. S. The G. M. and D. G. M. shall be nominated out of the members of the Manchester district, each lodge in that district being at liberty to name one. Any district in the Order shall be at liberty to nominate a candidate to stand his poll for the C. S. All the names shall be circulated in the March reports, and the parties polled for at the next A. M. C. whether present or not.

229. That any past G. M. or past D. G. M. of the Order, who has been out of office more than twelve calendar months, shall be eligible to stand his poll for re-election.

230. That the G. M. of the Order shall preside at all meetings where his attendance may be required. All disputes of the Order in general, if not settled to mutual satisfaction, after having been heard before a quarterly committee of the district, shall be under the cognizance of this officer, whose summonses

shall be attended to, and whose decision, in conjunction with the Board of Directors shall be binding on all parties concerned.

231. That the G. M., D. G. M., or C. S. of the Order shall be allowed his or their reasonable expenses by the district or lodge at any time requiring his or their attendance.

232. That if the G. M., D. G. M., or C. S. of the Order cannot attend when called upon, the foregoing law to be equally binding in favour of any other officer they may appoint.

233. That the D. G. M. of the Order shall act in conjunction with the G. M., and officiate for him during his absence.

234. That the G. M., D. G. M., and C. S. of the Order shall act in conjunction with the Board of Directors.

C. S. OF THE ORDER.

235. That the C. S. of the Order shall superintend the forwarding of goods; compare the invoices of goods with the day-book; have the charge and custody of the books, and stock of goods and fixtures on the premises; receive all parcels, letters, and other correspondence on account of the Order, and deliver over the same at the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors; and shall answer all communications; pay all accounts which have received the sanction of the Board of Directors, and attend wholly to the business of the Order. The C. S. shall not furnish goods to, or reply to the correspondence of any person, other than through the medium of the Prov. C. S., except he refuse or neglect; then the C. S. of the Order shall reply to the correspondence and furnish goods to the G. M. of the district, should he apply; and that his salary shall be fixed by the A. M. C., and paid quarterly.

236. That the banking book shall be produced at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

237. That the C. S. of the Order shall give security for the money and property entrusted to his care, which shall be satisfactory to the A. M. C. The sureties not to be members of the Order.

AUDITORS OF THE ORDER.

238. That a committee of three persons be appointed to audit the accounts, and examine and prove the stock; they shall be paid from the general fund; and one, which they themselves shall elect, to attend the A. M. C., to produce and explain their report; and when his duties as auditor are finished, he shall take his seat on the committee, and be entitled to the same privileges as any other deputy. That should the auditors pass the accounts without first ascertaining their correctness, they shall be fined the sum of £5 each; the district from which they are sent to be responsible for the payment.

239. That the three auditors shall be chosen by districts; to be ballotted for at the A. M. Cs.; one of whom shall retire annually.

240. That the districts chosen to appoint an auditor, shall make such appointment at their annual quarterly meeting.

241. If an auditor, appointed in conformity with this law, cannot attend, the district to which he belongs shall appoint another in his place.

242. That the stock of goods on hand, stating the quantity of each sort, shall be taken each year, when the accounts are made up; that a correct account of each sort of goods purchased and received for or on account of the Order, be kept during the following year; the same shall be entered in the day-book on the day on which they are received, (specifying items) and no credit shall be allowed by the auditors for

goods when the entry has not been so made; likewise an account to be kept, and the same rule to be observed with respect to goods sold, in order that it may be known at the next making-up whether the goods received and the goods sold will agree with the stock on hand.

ACCOUNTS OF THE ORDER.

243. That the books and accounts of the Order be balanced up to the first day of January in each year, and that the auditors appointed to examine the same shall be called in on the first day of February following.

244. That the C. S. of the Order forward to each district their account with the Board quarterly, which shall be paid by such districts in one month from the issuing of such accounts, otherwise all goods, reports, and pass-words, shall be withheld until they have complied.

245. That districts shall settle their accounts with the Board of Directors up to the first of January in each year, or be fined £5 5s., which fine shall be paid into the general fund; and a list of such districts, together with sums owing by them, shall be circulated in the quarterly reports.

246. That no district shall be allowed to send a delegate to the A. M. C., whose account is not paid up to the period last-mentioned, unless a satisfactory reason is given why it has not been paid. Districts requiring copies of an account, upwards of twelve months old, shall send a competent person to make it out, or pay a reasonable sum for such being done.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

247. That there shall be chosen out of the mem-

bers of any District in the Unity, with the exception of the officers of the Order, a Firm and Board of Directors, who shall be appointed by the A. M. C., to hear all appeals, and transact the general business of the Order; such Board of Directors to consist of the then present G. M., D. G. M., and the last P. G. M. of the Order, together with twelve persons who have taken the purple degree, and to be polled for at the A. M. C. whether present or not; five to form a quorum. That four of the Directors, together with the officers of the Order, meet monthly, to transact the business of the Order, and that the whole of the twelve meet quarterly to hear appeals. The whole number to retire annually, and to be eligible for re-election. One only to be appointed from a district.

248. That should any one of the parties so elected neglect to attend the meetings, or be found incompetent to act, then the person next in number on the poll-list shall be called in to fill up the deficiency.

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250. That the Board of Directors shall assemble monthly, when the C. S. shall lay before them all letters, and any other communications he may have received.

251. That the Board of Directors shall have no power to draw money, except for the purchasing of goods, and shall advance no money on account of such purchases, until the goods have been delivered to the C. S.

252. That all discounts allowed to the Board of Directors for their purchases shall be stated on the bills, parcels, or receipts; when no discount is allowed, the words "Nett Amount" shall be written thereon.

253. That the Board of Directors shall issue a Magazine to the Order, quarterly, which shall consist of disquisitions relative to the Order, the profits arising from the sale of which shall be applied exclu-

sively for the relief of the Widows and Orphan Children of deceased Odd-Fellows. The Magazine to be sold to districts and lodges forming such fund at cost price; and at 6d. each, or at such prices as the A. M. C. shall, from time to time think fit, to districts and lodges not forming such fund.

254. That advertisements shall be placed on the covers of the Magazine at a moderate charge, the profits on the same to be paid into the general fund. No advertisement of a political or religious nature shall be inserted.

255. That the Board of Directors shall issue a report, quarterly, to each lodge, with a balance sheet containing the items of Income and Expenditure during the previous quarter, together with the sum to which the fund amounts, and members to be at liberty to purchase the same.

256. That the Directors shall insert notices in the January Reports, of the description of the Goods that will be wanted by the Order during the next ensuing twelve months; when any member who is desirous of estimating for the same, must send in his estimate to the directors, on or before the first day of May, otherwise they will not be received; such estimate will be opened by a committee appointed by the A. M. C. and which committee will not be compelled to receive the lowest estimate. The Directors shall find paper for such goods as may be estimated for, and pay the carriage of it to all distant districts to which it has to be sent.

257. That the Board of Directors shall send out with the quarterly reports a list of the following articles, with the selling and cost price of each, the profits on the said articles not to be more than 15 per cent. and that lodges and districts be obliged to purchase all the goods they may want according to the following list, or in default thereof, the quarterly reports and all other communications to be withheld from them until the next Annual Moveable Committee.

258. LIST OF GOODS SOLD AT THE BOARD ROOM.

Minute Book,	Travelling Relief Books,
Lecture Book and Supplement	Magazines and Portraits,
P. G's Certificates,	General Laws,
P. O's Certificates,	Letter Paper,
Clearances,	List of Lodges,
P. G's Lecture Book,	Emblems,
Travelling Certificates,	Duties and Charges,
District and Lodge Seals,	Fine & Lodge Resolution Book
Cash Books,	Pence Books,
Proposition Books,	Proposition and Degree Books

259. All applications for goods by members, must be made to the lodges to which they respectively belong; and by the lodges, all applications for goods must be made to the C. S. of their respective districts.

260. That a surplus fund, fixed by the A. M. C. shall be placed in the bank, in the names of ten trustees, to be chosen from the country districts, and that the remainder of the fund be at the disposal of the G. M. and Board of Directors. That five of the directors shall be appointed as a firm, who shall draw out and place all moneys to their credit, but shall not be allowed to sign a cheque for drawing it out, until they have first obtained the sanction of the Board of Directors at one of their regular meetings.

261. That the Board-room shall be kept open from eight o'clock in the morning until four in the evening.

262. That engagements shall not be entered into for engraving plates for dispensations, portraits, or emblems, without the consent of the A. M. C.

263. That lodges and districts may, by sending a pattern to the directors, have any books made to order.

264. That the G. M., D. G. M., and the Board of Directors for the time being, shall be entitled to a copy of the Reports, Minute Book, Magazine, and List of Lodges.

265. That the general fund be applied to benevo-

lent purposes, and no other tribunal shall have power to appropriate it than the Grand Annual Moveable Committee.

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ANNUAL MOVEABLE COMMITTEE.

269. That there shall be held annually a General Committee, (which shall be moveable,) composed of past officers, who have received the Purple Degree, and elected by districts only that are in strict compliance.

270. The A. M. C. commence its sittings on Monday in Whitsun-week in each year, at nine o'clock in the morning. That certificates from the various districts be sent to the C. S. of the Order, at least one week before the A. M. C. if practicable; after which the names shall be called over, and the Committee opened for transaction of business. That no P. G. be allowed to stand his poll as deputy to the A. M. C. unless he has taken the Purple Degree prior to his nomination for election. That all districts be represented at the A. M. C. according to the number of members, each district to have the privilege of sending one member; and every district having one thousand and more members two Deputies, and for every additional thousand members one Deputy. Each District to pay the expenses of their own Deputies.

271. That any deputy or representative, who shall have reproof passed upon him at the Annual Committee shall be fined £1 1s.; the district to which he belongs to be answerable for the payment.

272. That no district shall pass a bye-law to prevent any qualified past officer standing his poll for *the* A. M. C.

273. That the Auditors' Report shall be read im-

mediately after the names are called over, and a copy of the balance sheet presented to each deputy. That after the Auditors' Report has been read, a committee of seven persons shall be appointed to examine the proceedings of the Board of Directors, with power to call for all books, papers, and persons, who shall report thereon to the A. M. C.

274. That all appeals against the decisions of districts be taken into consideration on Monday morning, and be tried in the following manner:—The delegates shall be divided into a committee of thirteen persons; ten to be appointed by ballot, and three, who shall be chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, to be appointed by the whole body.

275. That the surplus number of delegates, together with the officers of the Order, form a committee, to which any party appealing, or appealed against, shall have power to object to their case being heard by any one of the committees formed as above; and if the objection be satisfactory, the case shall be referred to another committee.

276. That all decisions in cases of appeal at the A. M. C. shall be binding on all districts, lodges, and members in compliance immediately after passing the same.

277. That the propositions for new laws be taken into consideration immediately after the hearing of the appeals, and in the full committee of all the deputies.

278. That any lodge wishing to alter any existing law, or introduce a new one, shall submit the same to a committee of the district, and if agreed to, notice thereof shall be sent to the C. S. of the Order on or before the first day of April in each year, who shall cause the same to be circulated in the April reports, otherwise they shall not be taken into consideration by the A. M. C. In all cases where a district wishes to alter an existing law, they shall propose a new law in full, as a substitute for the one they wish to alter.

279. That all applications for new districts, and applications from lodges for permission to join other districts, shall be inserted in the April reports, or the same shall not be submitted to the A. M. C.

280. That no applications for relief shall be attended to, unless the member has been relieved by his lodge and district; and in case of a lodge, it has been relieved by the district. And in all cases of application for relief, lodges and districts shall produce all lodge and district books, papers, &c., to show cause for their application, or such application will not be entertained by the A. M. C.

281. That the following method of polling for A. M. C's. be adopted:—Each deputy shall write the name of one of the places proposed on a card provided for that purpose, and put it in a box which shall stand before the G. M., and the next A. M. C. shall be held at the place which has the greatest number of votes.

282. That after the place is appointed for holding the next A. M. C., the then present committee shall fix what sum shall be allowed to the Officers of the Order, for their attendance at the same.

283. That the quarterly reports and the resolutions of the A. M. C. shall be read in the lodges on the first lodge-night after having received the same, or be fined 2s. 6d.; to be paid to the district fund.

284. That all applications to the A. M. C. for relief, shall have the approbation of a committee of the district; and all such applications to be forwarded to the C. S. of the Order in time to be laid before the Board of Directors at least fourteen days previous to the A. M. C.

285. That the whole of the laws for the government of the Order shall be published in a book; to be called the General Laws, and sold to lodges for the use of members.

BREAKING A LAW TO WHICH THERE IS NO FINE ATTACHED.

286. That any district, lodge, or member, breaking a law to which there is no fine attached, the committee before whom the case is tried shall have power to inflict such fine as they may think the case deserves, not exceeding 21s., nor less than 2s. 6d.

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